GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SECOND `PALACE ON WHEEL`
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the 'Palace on Wheel' train is booked till 2009;

(b): if so, the details thereof;

(c): whether there is any proposal to run second 'Palace on Wheels' to cater to the popular demand for the train; and

(d): if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be put in operation?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC), which is the nodal agency for booking of tourists for the train have registered 7380 requests and out of these 4120 are confirmed bookings for the 'Palace on Wheels' upto 30.04.2009.

(c) & (d): Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) and this Ministry have decided to introduce second 'Palace on Wheels' train to run on the same sector as in the existing Palace on Wheels to cater to the demand of foreign and domestic tourists. No timeframe has been set for the launching of the train. However, as and when the rake is ready to run, the train will be put into operation.